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Shatin dep.	7.03		...	9.38	10.50	12.21	1.39	4.55	5.50	7.32
Taipo dep.	7.17		9.02	9.52	11.03	12.34	1.52	5.08	6.03	7.45
Taipo Market ...dep.	7.22		...	9.57	11.08	12.38	1.56	5.12	6.07	7.49
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The Thatched House Club, formerly known as the Civil Service Club, was built in the early sixties. The site it occupies and the name it bears, however, have an ancient history dating back to Restoration days, when a remote thatched house in St. James's Fields was licensed, or at all events, established, as a tavern. St. James's Street was then known as the Long Street, and ran, as it does to this day, from the Palace of St. James's up to the road against Albemarle Buildings, where Monk, we may suppose, entertained the Merry Monarch.

For nearly two centuries the Thatched House Tavern became a rendezvous of the literary and political world of London, and from the stream of anecdote and reminiscence which the memory of the famous tavern evokes, one may select choice morsels at will.

Let me begin with two extracts from Swift's letters to Stella. On December 20th, 1711, he writes:—"I dined, you know, with our society, and that odious secretary (Lord Bolinbroke) would make me president next week; so I must entertain them this day se'night at the Thatched House Tavern, where we dined to-day; it will cost me five or six pounds, yet the secretary says he will give me wine." Again, a week later:—"I entertained our society at the Thatched House Tavern to-day at dinner; but brother Bathurst sent for wine, the house affording none." The "society" alluded to by Swift consisted of a club comprising the most eminent men in rank, literature and politics at the beginning of the eighteenth century. It afterwards transferred its patronage to the "Star and Garter," in Pall Mall, on account of the expense of the Thatched House.

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The Tavern was among the many haunted by Dick Steele. Through it ran a passage to the Thatched House Court, where for many years lived Mrs. Delany. Johnson's famous club, later the Literary Club, in 1799, fifteen years after the death of the Sage, removed from Parsloe's Coffee-house to the Thatched House. It was the headquarters of the celebrated chess club of which Philidor was a member, and there he performed the, at that time, marvellous feat of playing three games at once blindfold.

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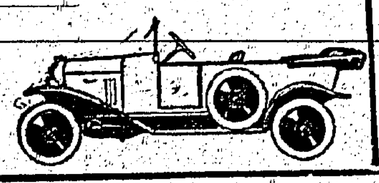
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YOKOHAMA NOTES.

The following notes are taken from the *Japan Chronicle*:—

LANDING OF CARGO.

In spite of the shortage of lighters at Yokohama, many having been destroyed in the earthquake, and an insufficient number of tally-clerks, the landing of cargo is proceeding fairly rapidly. Among the vessels arriving recently was the *West Cayote* from Dairen, with a cargo of 7,000 tons of Fushun coal. This is the first shipment of coal that has arrived at Yokohama since the earthquake. The agents are the Columbia Pacific Steamship Co. Lumber is also pouring in. The *West O'Roure*, of the same company, from Portland, has brought 1,500,000 running feet of lumber, and the *Ida*, chartered by Messrs. Dant and Russell of Portland, has brought five million feet from Portland. The *West Chopaka* (Messrs. Struthers and Barry) also brought lumber, together with gasoline and general cargo. Among the other vessels that have brought cargo for the port are the Norddeutscher Lloyd *Holstein* from Hamburg, which discharged 1,000 tons of cargo before she left for Tientsin. The Hamburg-Amerika *Preussen*, from Hamburg and Genoa, is expected on December 13th with 1,500 tons of general cargo.

FOREIGN BANKS RE-OPENED.

A good test of the development of business is the activity of the banks, and all the foreign banks which have re-opened offices at Yokohama seem to have plenty to do. In fact they have already increased their staffs and are making calls on other ports for further aid. Among those who have recently returned to Yokohama is Mr. J. Caldwell, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, who arrived in time to celebrate St. Andrew's. This celebration was carried out on the *Tai Way Foong*, the hotel boat where many of the heads of foreign firms have their quarters, and the celebration, we learn, was none the less hearty in spite of only two Scotchmen being present.

FIRMS IN TEMPORARY BUILDINGS.

Among the firms which have recently moved their premises the following are to be noted:—

The Messageries Maritimes has moved into a temporary building on their old site at No. 9, Yamashita-cho.

Messrs. Madier Frères et Cie., have moved into a building on the same site.

The Silk Importing Co. has moved to a temporary building at No. 90, Yamashita-cho.

Messrs. Pila & Co. have also moved into a temporary building on the Messageries Maritimes site at No. 9.

Messrs. Illies & Co. are occupying temporary quarters behind their old building at No. 54 and intend renovating their old building for occupancy in the near future.

In the Yokohama Park temporary offices are being erected for the Police Department, Kanagawa Kencho, Municipality and Domestic and Foreign Post Offices.

FOREIGN REFUGEES IN KOBE.

Apart from Chinese, foreign refugees from Tokyo and Yokohama who are now in Kobe number 343, while the Chinese number 743. The following list, prepared by the Chamber of Commerce, gives details:—

	Male.	Female.
British	71	64
American	32	28
French	10	6
German	19	8
Russian	13	7
Italian	3	2
Spanish	4	1
Portuguese	1	2
Austrian	2	2
Swiss	10	6
Indian	15	1
Chinese	469	274

POKER AT TIENTSIN.

CHINESE POLICE CHIEF PLAYS FOR STAKES OF $5,000.

Mr. John Williams was convicted in H.B.M. Consular Court before Mr. R. S. Pratt (British Vice-Consul) at Tientsin, recently, for assaulting Major Ralph Lulu, aged 38, a Chinese who is Chief of Police in the German Concession.

According to the evidence the quarrel arose over a night's gambling at the Imperial Hotel. Plaintiff and defendant, with two other foreigners, had been playing poker and according to Lulu he was practically forced to play a last game, the stakes being $5,000. He won, however, and then he alleges he was assaulted by Mr. Williams and the latter took from him the cheque he had given him just before in payment of the gambling debt. This last allegation was denied. Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of $20 and $50 costs.

In his evidence Major Lulu said:—We had been playing poker. There were four of us playing, and we started at 4 o'clock, playing up to dinner, and resuming at 9.15. The stake limits were $5 and $10, but the game over which the trouble arose was for $5,000.

A Tientsin paper quotes in this connection Article 276 of the Chinese Criminal Code which reads:—"Whoever gambles with any valuable thing as a stake shall be punished with a fine of not more than one thousand *yuan*. The same rule shall not apply to cases where a mere article of amusement or pleasure is the stake."

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FUNABASHI'S HOPES.

The naval radio station at Funabashi (Japan), says a Funabashi message to the *Kobe Shimbun*, lately provided itself with a powerful telephone machine imported from America, which seems to be much superior to those of Peking and Formosa in quality and capacity. In the near future the first experiment of the new apparatus is expected to be made with London, Paris and San Francisco.

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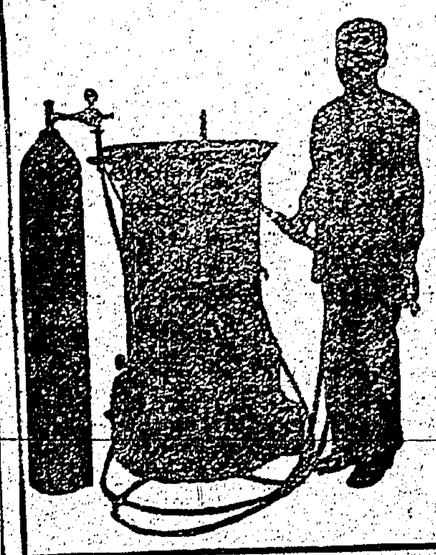
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HOLIDAY CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. THE UNITED SERVICES.

The two days' cricket match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the United Services played on Christmas Day and Boxing Day resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Club by an innings, three wickets and 203 runs. The match was remarkable for the high scoring of the Club batsmen, and perhaps its most interesting phase was witnessed yesterday morning when the Hongkong batsmen had the United Service bowlers "cold." From 10 a.m. to shortly after noon the Hongkong men gave a brilliant display and the fielders had a tiring time of it hunting the leather in all four corners of the field. In this brief spell they knocked up the best part of their very fine 413 runs for the loss of seven wickets only when they declared. "Tam" Pearce, the Rev. E. K. Quick, H. Owen-Hughes, R. Hancock and A. J. C. Bowker all found the bowling to their liking and got over the half century mark, whilst Owen-Hughes got within 9 of the century before going out to a ball from Jacobs.

The United Services, who had compiled 91 in their first innings, were sent in again after tiffin and they did not fare much better in their second innings. Pomfret, first man in, went out first for seven to a catch by Lammert off Reed and when 24 had been run up Jotham was on his way back to the pavilion to a catch by Bowker. The next three wickets fell for the addition of two runs then Pafford and Stripp got together and defied the Club bowlers for a brief while, and the score mounted slowly to 68 for 7. Gould, next to the last man in, made a stand and was mainly responsible for taking the score past the century mark. The innings terminated for 110 at 3.53 p.m. Reed, bowling for the Club, secured a fine average, taking 5 wickets for 14 runs.

Scores:—

UNITED SERVICES.

1st Innings.

Rev. Father Purcell, st. Claxton, b Lammert	26
Lt.-Com. Jotham, c Sayer, b Lammert	2
Lieut. Armstrong, c Webster, b Lammert	5
Major Hattersley Smith, b Reed	2
Pay.-Lt.-Com. Pafford, c Sayer, b Lammert	2
Captain Walker, st. Claxton, b Lammert	1
Pay.-Lt. Hargreaves, run out	11
Q.M.S. Stripp, c Bowker, b Reed	37
Q.M.S. Jacobs, run out	0
Lieut. Gould, not out	0
Surg.-Lieut. Pomfret, run out	0
Extras	5
Total	91

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lammert	14	3	32	5
Reed	12	4	20	2
Bowker	7	1	11	0
Quick	5.2	0	23	0

H.K.C.C.

1st Innings.

A. A. Claxton, l.b.w. Pomfret	9
G. R. Sayer, b Pomfret	13
T. E. Pearce, b Pafford	51
Rev. E. K. Quick, c Pomfret, b Hargreaves	63
H. Owen Hughes, b Jacobs	91
G. R. More, b Jacobs	15
R. E. A. Webster, c Armstrong, b Hargreaves	28
R. Hancock, not out	51
A. J. C. Bowker, not out	57
Extras	35
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	413

A. J. C. Bowker and E. G. Lammert did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hargreaves	14	2	41	2
Pomfret	8	1	37	2
Jacobs	13	1	53	2
Pafford	16	0	99	1
Walker	4	0	21	0
Gould	23	1	127	0

UNITED SERVICES.

2nd Innings.

Surgeon-Lt. Pomfret, c Lammert, b Reed	7
Lt.-Com. Jotham, c Bowker, b Lammert	18
Rev. Father Purcell, b Reed	2
Lieut. Armstrong, c Owen-Hughes, b Reed	1
Major Hattersley-Smith, c Owen-Hughes, b Lammert	4
Pay.-Lt.-Com. Pafford, c Sayer, b Reed	31
Q.M.S. Stripp, c Sayer, b Reed	4
Pty.-Lieut. Hargreaves, not out	21
Capt. Walker, c Bowker, b Quick	2
Lieut. Walker, c Owen-Hughes, b Quick	20
Q.M.S. Jacobs, c Pearce, b Quick	8
Extras	4
Total	110

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Reed	14	7	14	5
Lammert	10	2	47	2
Bowker	8	2	24	0
Quick	4.3	0	30	3

KOWLOON v. QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Queen's College sent over a very strong team to the K.C.C. and gave their hosts a very sound beating. The College batted first and the first two wickets down saw the double century passed. The innings was declared closed and the Kowloon then went in to face 203. The first half of the team hit up several fair scores and a fairly large total might have been looked forward to, though it did not appear possible for them to reach the College score. The later batsmen, however, were sadly disappointing and the last six men made but two between them. Madar was the bowler who caused all the trouble. He had the remarkable average of three wickets for two runs in four overs. S. H. Ismail took four wickets for 31. Madar was also in form with the bat and hit up 68 not out for the College.

Scores:—

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

A. A. Rumjahn, b Duncan	35
A. H. Madar, not out	68
A. R. Sutherland, b Weaser	44
S. D. Ismail, not out	18
Extras	35
Total (for 2 wkts.)	203

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cochrane	10	0	44	0
Raven	6	0	24	0
Ramsay	13	3	33	0
Duncan	3	0	30	1
Weaser	6	0	32	1

KOWLOON.

T. Cochrane, b S. Ismail	25
O. Raven, c Madar, b Sutherland	7
J. Long, b Fletcher	8
O. Ramsay, c Edwards, b S. Ismail	27
F. Howell, c Ismail, b S. Ismail	6
W. Weaser, c Edwards, b Madar	0
A. Raven, c and b S. Ismail	2
L. Duncan, run out	0
S. Jex, c Ismail, b Madar	6
W. Hyde, not out	0
R. G. Lindsell, b Madar	0
Extras	9
Total	79

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fletcher	5	0	31	1
Sutherland	3	0	6	1
S. H. Ismail	6	1	31	4
Madar	4.2	2	2	3

FOOTBALL.

"ENGLAND" v. "SCOTLAND."

On the Hongkong Club ground on Boxing Day, teams representing England and Scotland played the usual Charity match. The stands were well patronised and the National Institute for the Blind and St. Dunstan's Home should benefit largely.

England won the toss and Begg started for Scotland. The teams were fairly well matched, England having slightly the advantage forward. After midfield play England set up a determined attack on the Scottish goal and Eaton working well in placed the ball across the goalmouth when Stewart coming out to clear from Johnson was beaten and the ball going on to Nash that player headed the ball into an empty goal. England took the lead after about eight minutes' play. Although both sides had easy chances to score there was no further scoring before the interval, England leading by a goal to *nil*.

Soon after the re-start England went further ahead through Eaton, who received the ball from Charlesworth and lifted it over the head of Stewart into the net. Begg scored the first goal for Scotland by a good bit of individual play. Taking the ball from a clearance by Wynne, Begg went in and beat Douglas with a fine placed shot which the goalie failed to reach. With the score two to one against them the Scottish team went away with a dash and the ball dodged about in front of England's goal until Wynne was penalised for hands close in. Begg, who was entrusted with the penalty kick, sent the ball outside the posts much to the disgust of Scotland's supporters. Following this let off England attacked when Charlesworth, getting down on the wing, passed the ball back to Eaton who, from twenty yards range, sent in a shot, Stewart just touching the ball on its way to the net. With a three to one lead the game seemed certain for England but Bolneaves dropping the ball over from the touchline, England's goalkeeper let it pass over his head into the net. Shortly afterwards Begg was placed in a good position but failed to accept the chance. With Scotland attacking the final whistle sounded leaving England winners by the odd goal in five.

The teams:—

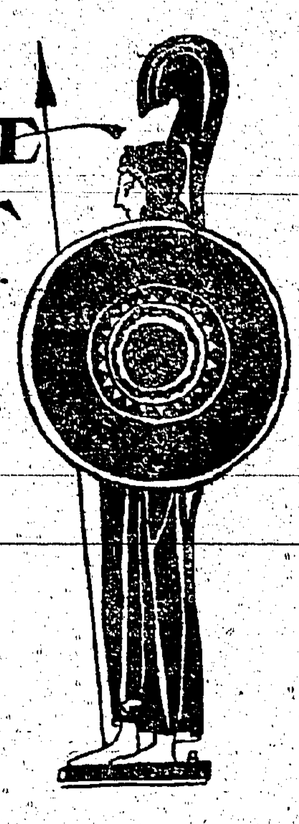
England.—Douglas (Surrey's); Wynne (Police) and Bishop (Club); Petter (Surrey's), Hudson (*Tamar*) and Lelliott (R.G.A.); Charlesworth and Eaton (Surrey's), Johnson (Police), Nash (R.A.M.C.) and Muckleworth (Surrey's).

Scotland.—Stewart (Kowloon); Gerrard (Club) and McKelvie (Kowloon); Muir, J. Stewart and McPhail (Club); Bolneaves (*Ambrose*), Forsyth (Club), Begg (Club), Hood (*Ambrose*) and Duncan (Kowloon).

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CHRISTMAS DAY IN HONGKONG.

Christmas Day in Hongkong this year was favoured with lovely weather, the sun shining brilliantly all day, making it specially suitable for those who had allotted the day to outdoor exercise, and as a result many people spent the day in the open. The golf courses, the tennis courts, and in one or two cases the cricket grounds being well occupied, whilst a number of people took advantage of the day off and went on walking tours over the hills.

Special Christmas services were held in most of the churches during the morning which were largely attended, the congregations being given the opportunity of joining in the old time carols.

CARNIVAL AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

Last night's Christmas Carnival at the Hongkong Hotel proved an unprecedented success. The number of guests catered for was larger than ever, the accommodation of the grill-room being taxed to the utmost. Indeed the management had to resort to various skilful devices to cater for the large merry-making crowd. The private dining room adjoining the grill had to be thrown open, whilst the lounge known as "The Blue Lagoon" and the ladies' drawing room close by were also used for dinner parties. Booking for this event has been going on for the past two months, yesterday the climax was reached when Mr. Norton, the manager, was reluctantly compelled to refuse any further bookings for the carnival. The event was also unprecedented for another interesting feature in that an application to the licencing authorities for an extension of the full licence to serve liquor refreshments up to 2 a.m. was granted. This is the first occasion on which this has been done and we understand that the same facilities are to apply in connection with the carnival to be held at Repulse Bay Hotel on New Year's Eve.

The grill room was brilliantly decorated for the occasion, one of the main features being Mrs. Harrington's table where a party of 23 guests were seated. This table was made beautiful with a brilliant display of roses. Other tables were also tastefully laid out, silver snow, and Caley's crackers being in abundance. Tables were also laid out on the verandah surrounding the grill room. Something like 450 guests were present. Amongst those who entertained large parties of guests at the Carnival were: Madame Lily, Mr. Dowley, the Consul for Chili, Mr. Kadoorie, Mr. C. D. Lammert, Mr. B. L. Bridger, Com. Thursfield, Mr. Chapman, Major Halford, Mrs. Henderson, Mr. H. E. Scriven, Mr. S. C. Clayton, Lieut. Fendall, Mr. McArthur, Mr. Currie, Mr. K. E. Greig, Col. Robertson, Mr. T. Petrie, Capt. Byers, Mr. Carroll and others.

In addition to the tables the grill room itself was tastefully decorated the electric lights being wreathed in flowers and ferns, whilst the walls were covered with flags and bunting. At the entrance to the grill two Chinese silk lanterns were hung, making a very charming pretty effect.

EUROPEAN JUMPS INTO THE HARBOUR

GALLANT RESCUE BY AN AMERICAN BLUEJACKET.

A man named Gello Alberto, aged 29 years of age and said to be an Italian, jumped into the harbour opposite the Telegraph Co.'s offices yesterday morning at nine o'clock. A sailor from one of the American warships in port, who witnessed the incident, jumped into the water after the drowning man without hesitation and succeeded in rescuing him. Alberto was later taken to the Central Police Station and the police are of the opinion that he attempted to do away with his life. He did not appear to have suffered much from the effects of the immersion, but was suffering slightly from shock and he was sent to the Government Civil Hospital by motor ambulance.

Alberto has been living at the Carlton Hotel for the past week and previously he is stated to have lived at the Astor House. Nothing much is known about the man.

WHAT CHRISTMAS REALLY MEANS.

"STOP PIPING AND GET DOWN TO BUSINESS."

A SERMON BY THE REV. J. KIRK MACONACHIE.

At the Union Church on Christmas morning the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie strongly condemned the attitude of the World generally towards Christmas. Taking his text from the Gospel of St. Matthew, chapter 12, verse 21: "In His Name shall the Gentiles hope," Mr. Maconachie said:

Christmas by general agreement is regarded as especially the household celebration of the Christian year. We find its prototype in the "yearly sacrifice for all the family," which we read of in the days of Samuel, when David asked leave from Saul to go home for it.

The family gathering at Christmas time does not hold the place it once did, we are told, in English social life. It is said to be Victorian and Victorianism of course is worse than wickedness nowadays—in the eyes of some.

Holly and misletoe and good cheer, master, mistress, children, servants, joined in the common merry-making, is something we read of in the pages of Dickens, a picture of quaint old customs far too simple and unsophisticated for the taste of to-day.

Well, that may be so as a passing phase in certain circles which are much in the limelight and therefore appear to be more representative than they really are. But on the whole Christmas still is and is likely to remain the household gathering for the vast majority of quiet folk, who do not haunt hotels and hydros nor disport themselves in country houses for their week ends.

Seeing that the festival centres around the cradle, this household aspect of its observance is inevitable. Even those who make little of Christmas on their own account recognise it as the children's festival. I hear it said pretty often that it is all very well for "the kiddies" but the rest of us would almost rather Christmas did not come round, for one reason or another, though of course the holiday as a holiday is always welcome.

Well, let it be the children's festival by all means, though one might remark in passing that the ceaseless round of children's parties and entertainments which we seem to be dropping into is somewhat overdone, so that the very attempts to give the young folk pleasure fail from the excess.

That is just a remark in passing, and I don't suppose everybody will agree with it, though it does seem to tax the time-table to find a free hour for a Christmas tree, and it certainly is a puzzle to think of something one can give to children which they have not got already. Now I like as much as any of you to think of all the little stockings which were hung up last night and eagerly taken down this morning, and I am as ready for a romp with the bairns when I get the chance as anyone. But I certainly do not want the great event which Christmas commemorates to pass into a nursery legend or anything like it. The Church can by no means afford to let the day pass just as keeping the cult of cradledom, a time of baby-worship, ready as we all are to bend before innocent infancy and bring it precious gifts.

"To us a Child of Hope is born,
To us a Son is given."

The feast of the Incarnation is degraded from its right level if it is made only an occasion for interesting and amusing the children, and we let ourselves forget the hope which came into our world when the Son of God took our flesh and dwelt among us.

What I have in mind in making these reflections—which somehow suggested themselves as the right thing for me to say this morning—is the tendency to play with Christianity altogether—if I may put it so—and dismiss it in effect from its rightful place in practical life.

Religion altogether, and not the Christmas festival only, seems to be regarded by many people as something useful for the training of youth, but to be dropped like other school subjects after school days. Bishop Lander used to tell when he was in Hongkong how his little boy asked one day, "Father, when shall I be old enough not to go to Church?" The child then mentioned so-and-so and so-and-so, most of the grown up people apparently whom he knew. They did not go to Church though they sent their children, and very naturally the little man inferred that not going to Church was one of the privileges of adult life.

This kind of thing is extremely common; one wonders what parents think is going to happen in the future, if they think about it all. Sending their children to Sunday school is about all that many people think incumbent upon them in the way of religious observance of any kind, and of course there is but one result to be expected, and that is paganism in a couple of generations—indeed we have a great deal of it already owing to these very excuses.

So what I am hoping to enforce is that those of us to whom Christmas means anything beyond just a holiday shall try to see that it means enough. Because if our Christianity means anything it means everything. I don't see how we are to get away from that, and I am quite sure that those of us to whom our holy faith is a reality have no wish to get away from it.

HOLY-DAYS DROPPING INTO MERE HOLIDAYS.

On Sunday evening we were reminded in a very touching and telling way, if I may say so, how necessary it is that our Christmas joy should not stop short of what it is meant to be. We were told, and it is always timely at this season to hear it, that all the happy charities and kindness which are amongst us at the Yuletide should lead our hearts and thoughts up to the heavenly source from which they spring, and that we should not let our happiness fall short of the "good tidings of great joy" which is what God's gospel means if it means anything. I am sure that will bear emphasising on any Christian festival that comes round. We do need to see that in this matter the good is not allowed to become the enemy of the best, and that our Christian holy-days do not drop into mere holidays, which are liable, unfortunately, with too many to have nothing holy about them.

I like to have a service of praise and worship on Christmas day for that reason. I believe that that is the reason at the back of people's minds which makes them want to meet for worship on this day, and I can't help feeling sorry that so many of my good Scottish countrymen, who are numerously represented in this Church, refuse to see it in that light.

They know I love them, and when occasion calls I speak up for them, and sometimes get into trouble for doing it. So they won't take umbrage if I say we miss them on this happy day of the Christian year, and wish more of them had it in their hearts to rally with the rest of us to the House of Prayer. It is a matter of early training and usage to a great extent no doubt, so my words just now must not be taken to imply blame or censure: one may wish a thing were otherwise without being condemnatory about it.

But let me resume my main point, which really is the need for taking our Christianity at its real worth, and not just delighting ourselves or entertaining ourselves over it as a sort of pleasing legend or tradition.

When we consider the general condition of the world to-day the thought is forced upon us that the troubles in which it is involved are in the end to be traced back to this very failure to take Christ's gospel for the reality which it is. Let your mind dwell on one aspect of the terrible facts, and the Christmas carols stick in your throat.

"ALMOST A MOCKERY."

It seems almost a mockery to enjoy the charm of those wonderful words and tuneful sounds when all the time the meaning of them would appear to have almost no weight whatever in the actual aims and proceedings of the nations which have professed and called themselves Christian. It really is appalling, when one thinks of it, and little wonder that the whole thing should be rejected with contempt, as it is in some quarters. You and I know that it is not Christianity which is at fault but the lack of Christianity, but we need not be surprised if those who know less about the matter say that if this is Christianity they want none of it.

The very words, however, carry the answer with them. "This" is not Christianity—this which we see in the strife, the hatred, the jealousy which fills the world and seems like to turn the hand of every man against his neighbour. If Christianity were given its chance we should behold a very different state of affairs, and not until it is given a chance will there be any real improvement.

We get up leagues and pacts and agreements and conventions between jealous nations, but they are all like so many fences over the tops of which suspicious peoples are eying one another, and no sooner are these international documents signed than the parties to them are each on the watch to see the others break through them. An ounce or two of a really better spirit will go farther than a ton of cautious treaties to provide us with a world in which quiet folk will be able to go about their business in peace and carry on the world's work, which is now so much at a standstill amid the alarms and excursions which abound on every hand.

"The heart must ring Thy Christmas bells," says Whittey in his hymn, and most truly, for if the chime does not come from the hearts of men it is but sounding brass from the Church steeple. That visitor from another planet who is so often imagined as coming amongst us and showing us to ourselves as others may be supposed to see us might easily be imagined telling us to stop our piping and get down to business, to take a rest from singing pretty things about goodwill and peace, and set about arranging things like practical men in ways which are calculated to stir up goodwill and prevent the peace being broken.

The world will never get out of the horrible ruts it has fallen into until its inhabitants come to see that they must bring religion down from the clouds and realise that it is the *most practical* thing on earth. So I believe, and I believe it more and more strongly with every year that passes. I have spent 40 years of my life preaching or preparing to preach the glorious gospel of the blessed God, and it is unbearable now at the end of the long day to see that gospel treated so much as if it were only a beautiful dream, something for the poet to rhapsodise over, the artist to exercise his brush upon, the musician to decorate with melody and harmony. I know and have seen in the hard experience of life that the gospel of Jesus Christ is in very deed and truth a power, power of God unto salvation to every one that will believe it. I know that the Redeemer of men was not misnamed when they called His name Jesus, for I have seen Him save many from their sins, and know He is able to save all if they want to be saved.

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But I know too that men and women are prone to hug their sins, and do not really want to be set free from them, until at long last they are fairly beaten down and disgusted with themselves for the hardness of their hearts and the sorrows which that brings upon them. And I hope and pray that God is leading the peoples of the world, as He leads individual men and women, by the very distress and losses which have come upon them, to understand that if they would reap tranquility they will have to sow righteousness, and that no devices of man or devil can cause welfare to spring out of the selfishness which has hitherto misled this world. The greater part of the power and authority of this big world has rested for centuries in the hands of the Christian races, and it seems to me that the Christ whose name they carry but do not adorn speaks to them to-day by many voices: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" For can we deny that His will has been flouted in an empty worship, that His word is set aside as a counsel of prefection, that in short while men have been ready in a measure to turn to Jesus Christ for comfort, consolation, not to say coddling, they have excluded Him from the strength of their prime and conceded Him a place only in the sick room and the nursery? By the sick bed and the cradle indeed He is to be found, condescending to the weak and lowly and unprotected. But in the warehouse and the senate too He must be enthroned, and crowned Lord of all, if all flesh is ever to see the full salvation of our God.

CHRISTMAS CRIME.

POLICE ON THE TRACK OF BIG ROBBERY GANG.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE ROBBERY.

The police are of the opinion that the last three big robberies committed in Hongkong during the past month are the work of one and the same gang. Previous to Christmas Eve the gang are said to have had two robberies to their credit, one at a medicine shop at West Point, and the other at a bird shop in Des Vœux Road Central. In both cases the robbers got away with big hauls. Another robbery committed on Christmas Eve shows that the gang are well informed as to where they are most likely to be successful in their nefarious operations. This last robbery was carried out in a very cool and impudent manner. At about 6.15 p.m. two men armed with revolvers and daggers entered the Tong Cheong Medicine Shop at No. 5, Wo Fong Street, and held up the inmates. They followed the usual *modus operandi* and opened four safes on the premises, two of them with keys. The other two they turned upside down and with hammer and chisel cut out the bottoms of the safes and extracted the contents. The operation must have taken about three hours and a half. The police have not yet ascertained the total value of the property stolen, but it is believed to be about $3,000, including some six or seven gold wrist watches, a quantity of other jewellery and two deposit receipts for $1,000 each.

Shortly after the robbers had left the premises and the alarm had been raised a Chinese, wearing a long coat and several silk suits, was arrested by a constable on a tram-car. These suits have since been identified by the inmates of the shop as being part of the property stolen. The man refuses to speak as to the haunts of the rest of the gang.

ANOTHER ROBBERY YESTERDAY.

THE FOLLY OF LEAVING THE DOOR OPEN.

At 10.20 a.m. yesterday another robbery was committed, the place of operation this time being No. 50, Chatham Road, Hongkong. A cook-boy, who was in the house alone at the time, says that the door of the house had been left open and that three men entered by it. One of them asked after a certain man—a Chinese. This was followed by two of the men producing daggers and the third a revolver. The cook-boy was bound and gagged and thrown on the bed, and the robbers searched the place. Fortunately, their haul was not a great one, property to the value of $21.50 being stolen. The robbers made off in an unknown direction and after the cook had managed to struggle to the verandah the alarm was raised and a search for the robbers took place, but without success.

COLLISION AT SINGAPORE.

ITALIAN STEAMER ARRESTED

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The Lloyd Triestino liner *Fiume L.* was arrested at Penang on December 14th. It appears that while leaving Singapore the *Fiume-L.* collided with the *Glenamoy*, which was moving into Singapore harbour at the time. The *Fiume-L.* continued on her voyage, and having left she could not be detained there. Acting on instructions however, the Marshal of the Supreme Court, Penang, arrested the vessel in the Penang harbour. It is understood that heavy damages are being claimed from the *Fiume-L.*, and until arrangements and satisfactory guarantees are made between the parties the *Fiume-L.* will remain under arrest in Penang.

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Hongkong, December 27th, 1923.

THE BEAM OF LIGHT IN "CLOTTED GLOOM."

The "clotted gloom" of Sir John Jordan's recent after-dinner speech at the annual meeting of the China Association in London has been challenged by a contributor in the *China Express* (London) who submits that "the Chinese people are not disorganised, nor chaotic, nor bolshevik, but the very reverse; that their adaptability to changing conditions is phenomenal; that to expect their break with centuries of intellectual lethargy to be completed as you complete a recovery from measles by means of a week-end at Margate is fantastic." Sir John Jordan's present sources of information are described as "biassed, if not polluted," and the writer says that while "we have for him, despite his woeful wailings, the same affection that we had in what he alternately calls normal and pre-war days, nevertheless, to obtain any fair view of the prospects of British Trade in China we find ourselves under the sad necessity of looking elsewhere for guidance." He seeks guidance from the foreign trade returns of China. "Had he (Sir John) been more explicit, and told the Association that the foreign trade of China was in 1920 £217,000,000, in 1921 £250,000,000, and in 1922 £207,000,000, finally, that there was absolutely no reason to apprehend that a similar rate of increase to that shown during these last three years would not be maintained in 1923, he might have added the heartening corollary that the trade of China seems curiously little affected either by Disorganisation or Bolshevism."

We do not know from what source the writer obtained his figures, but the Customs records gave £442,776,436 as the value of the foreign trade for 1920, and £297,185,678 as the value in 1921. The fluctuations in the gold value of the tael account largely for this difference, but the writer is still justified in his statement that the foreign trade of China has shown a steady increase. The tael values show this conclusively. But such figures may, after all, be very misleading. The Statistical Secretary of the Customs in his Report on the foreign trade of the country for 1923 makes this comment on the figures: "In considering the figures and volume of goods imported into China, it behoves one to remember the fact that, owing to the special conditions in which trade is carried on by foreign importation houses, who as a rule do not sell direct to the people, but dispose of the goods to Chinese dealers or middlemen, the quantities shown in the Customs statistics of trade do not necessarily imply that all commodities enumerated have found buyers and been absorbed by the country, or even been taken delivery of by the dealers. Large stocks of all sorts of articles at the treaty ports testify that such is unfortunately not the case, and although it is gratifying to be able to say that stocks are gradually being disposed of, the disturbed state of large potential purchasing districts in the interior necessarily acts detrimentally in this direction."

We do not consider that Sir John Jordan has overdrawn the gloomy picture of China which he delineated in the speech delivered at the China Association banquet. Sir John would be hardly likely to deny the fact that there has been a steady growth of foreign trade in spite of all the chaos, though it may not be to the extent suggested by the Customs returns. Not even his critic, we imagine, would be bold enough to deny the existence of chaos and misgovernment in China, or that it must have a serious retarding influence upon foreign trade. We have only to consider the railways as a concrete instance. During the past five years, probably not fifty miles of railway have been constructed throughout the vast country which has scarcely 7,000 miles of railway and stands in need of ten or twenty times the amount. Chaos and turmoil have not only retarded this construction, but produced such an effect on existing railways as to drive the Communications Department of the country to the very verge of bankruptcy. Every merchant in China—Chinese and European alike—is only too painfully aware of the dire effect of this chaos on the trade and commerce of the country. There is no reason to complain of the slowness of "the break with centuries of intellectual lethargy" in China, on the part of the great masses of people; the leaven of Western education has got well into the lump, and the higher standard of living which is thus inspired will inevitably express itself in the expansion of foreign trade. The cause of complaint is that Militarism in China is strangling its development. With that cancer removed the bounds of foreign trade expansion could not be set.

The tea houses at Canton resumed business on Christmas Day bringing to an end a strike which had lasted for fifty days.

At a meeting of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute, Mr. James H. Sanders, M.D., M.R.C.S., Hongkong, was elected a Fellow.

A further sum of $750,000 was voted by the Legislative Council at Singapore last week for the acquisition of land in connection with the Naval Base.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Earthquake Committee at Kobe has published subscription lists showing down to November 27th a total of yen 433,335.87.

Mr. Cairns, the magistrate at Thames Court, has sentenced two Chinese seamen to two months' imprisonment, with a recommendation for deportation, for keeping a gaming house in the Chinatown quarters of Limehouse. The magistrate said: "I am satisfied in the drug traffic and running of gambling houses there are principals who keep in hiding, and there appears to be a succession of Chinamen prepared to run the risk of being convicted, and even of being deported, for offences against the law."

The Singapore creditors of the Banque Industrielle de Chine have refused the proferred Compromise scheme. The result of the voting was, roughly: For, five million dollars; against, three million dollars. As a three-quarter majority was necessary, the resolution was accordingly lost.

In connection with the Customs Surplus question, another indignation meeting was held at Canton on Monday, followed by a parade through the streets. Banners carried in the procession bore such inscriptions as "Fight for the Customs Surplus," "Down With the Militarists," "Don't Give Up Until We Succeed," etc.

Notice of intended marriage was given last month at the Kensington Register Office between Mr. Robert Anderson Mowat, formerly judge of H.B.M.'s Court for Japan, and Miss Mary Ross, of Cromwell-road, South Kensington. Mr. Mowat, who is a widower, 80 years of age, describes himself as a retired Civil Servant, residing at Hove, Sussex. He has spent over 30 years in the Far East. From 1867-8 he was acting Law Secretary of the Supreme Court for China and Japan at Shanghai. Later he became Acting Judge of H.B.M's Court for Japan. He retired in 1897. Miss Ross is 57.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[through Reuter's Agency.]

KIDNAPPED JAPANESE OFFICERS.

EFFORTS FOR THEIR RELEASE FAIL.

Pekino, December 26th.

The Japanese Consul-General at Chungking reports that he had arranged to meet General Tang Tze Mu, commanding the retreating Szechuan first army, at Kikiang, with the object of negotiating for the release of the Chief Engineer and First Officer of the *Fuyang Maru*, but Tang Tze Mu swung to the north when the so called Szechuan neutral force moved hostilely on Kikiang from Luchow, after which Tang Tze Mu passed Kiangtsin and on December 24th was approaching Luchang. Thus, the two officers are still in Tang Tze Mu's hands.

CHINESE EYES ON MUKDEN.

CHANG TSO LIN PREPARES FOR TROUBLE.

Pekino, December 24th.

Chinese eyes are again turned towards Mukden, where, according to a dispatch, twelve French aeroplanes have been delivered for Chang Tso Lin. Two French aviators accompanied the machines.

Information from another source indicates that there is now being held at Mukden a Conference of various influential representatives which may have an important bearing in shaping events in China in the near future. It is understood that the representatives include those of Chang Tso Lin, Tuan Chi Jun, Lu Yung Hsiang, Tung Chi Yao, Northern Shensi and Kweichow. A plan of action against the Government has been drawn up, but no attempt will be put it into effect immediately, in the hope that support may be secured from a section of the Chihli party.

JAPANESE POLITICS.

Tokyo, December 24th.

Baron Den's resignation has been accepted. Dr. Okano combines the Portfolio of Agriculture and Commerce with that of Education.

ANGLO-CHINESE RELATIONS.

London, December 24th.

The Chinese Charge d'Affaires, Chao Hsin Chu, speaking at a dinner of the Overseas Chinese Society, said the Chinese in England received the same pleasant and gratifying welcome that they gave foreigners in China. The world was narrowing in parts and increasingly linking up. The ocean was no longer a barrier between the East and West. All should render loyal and honest service and do their utmost to bring Britain and China closer together.

[by courtesy of "the daily bulletin."]

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS AT PEKING.

Pekino, December 25th.

Wang Keh-ming presides over a Cabinet meeting to be held this afternoon to discuss the distribution of funds among the various organisations, including the gendarmery and police, before the end of the year.

HUNAN'S AUTONOMY.

Pekino, December 25th.

It is reported that the Government intends to appoint General Ma Chi Military Commissioner of Yochow, and to abolish the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Reinforcing Army.

According to the same report, Chao Heng-ti will cancel the autonomy of Hunan on January 1st.

THE FIRE AT THE ORIENTAL HOTEL, KOBE.

Kobe, December 25th.

The part of the Oriental Hotel destroyed by fire includes the ballroom and 10 rooms.

All the guests who were burned out can be accommodated in other parts of the hotel.

CABLES.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRENCH AIRSHIP STILL ADRIFT.

MYSTERY OF THE "DIXMUDE."

TUNIS, December 24th.

With regard to the big French dirigible Dixmude, which became disabled on a trial cruise over Algeria, the military wireless station at Gabes at nightfall indicated that the Dixmude was then near Medenine and that there was a place there where she could land. The Dixmude is the ex-Zeppelin L72. The cruiser *Malhouse* and other vessels have proceeded to the Gulf of Gabes to render assistance.

LATER.

With a crew now stated to number 51, the airship Dixmude seems at present to have disappeared. Messages from Tunis, *via* Paris, state that the Dixmude is no longer in sight from the landing ground at Medenine, near the Gulf of Gabes. No replies have been obtained from wireless or flares.

It is feared that the airship may be out of control as the commander yesterday signalled that her petrol was running out and several of the crew were ill.

Another report says the airship is damaged and is drifting seaward in a violent gale.

TOULON, December 24th.

The latest news from the Dixmude says she is being driven by a strong wind west of Tatahou. It reports that it has sufficient petrol to enable it to keep aloft and choose a landing place when conditions are safe.

GERMANY AND THE ALLIES

LATEST GERMAN MEMORANDUM.

LONDON, December 25th.

A German memorandum has been presented to Paris, Brussels, Rome and London, indicating various questions dealing exclusively with the occupied territories, on which the German Government requests the opening of discussions. Questions raised by the document concern the economic relations between the occupied and unoccupied territory, the duties on goods, currency, banking, Rhine navigation, railway traffic, and the general administration and domestic legislation.

SUGGESTED ALTERATIONS IN RHINELAND.

LONDON, December 25th.

The German memorandum to the Allies suggests that the customs tariffs in the occupied area be brought into line with those prevailing in unoccupied Germany. It requests permission to circulate stable money guaranteed by the towns and communes and the Landerbank in the Rhine Province. It desires the reinstatement and freedom of the Rhineland shipping and points out that the congestion on the railway could be relieved by the recall of the German railwaymen, who alone understand the system in the industrial area. It says the payment of the German railwaymen's wages and railway fares in francs is prejudicial. It declares that the police forces in the Ruhr are not sufficient to carry out their duties, and a larger percentage of trained men should be recalled to duty. It remarks that the installation of tax collectors and reinstatement of German ex-officials is essential, and observes that the resumption of immunity of Reichstag members, and members of the Federal Parliament, and the right of assembly and independence of the law courts, is a necessity.

BRITISH POLITICS.

MR. MACDONALD AND THE LIBERAL PRESS.

LONDON, December 24th.

Liberal organs and the *Daily Telegraph* refer in severe terms to a speech by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at Elgin, where he suggested that an attempt was impending to "wangle the constitution." The papers declare that this sort of language is intended to convey the notion of trickery to uninformed people. They further take him to task for suggesting that the Unionist Government has not resigned because it hopes to effect an unholy and unprincipled coalition. They point out that Mr. MacDonald apparently ignores Mr. Asquith's declaration against such compacts and accuse Mr. MacDonald of not giving the reasons for his allegations.

DISTRESS IN GERMANY.

BRITAIN UNABLE TO HELP.

LONDON, December 24th.

The British Red Cross, replying to a world-wide appeal sent out by the International Red Cross for the despatch of money, food and clothing to Germany, says that in view of the extensive unemployment and consequent suffering, Britain regrets that she is unable to make a special appeal on behalf of distressed people in Germany.

INDIAN POLITICS.

INDEPENDENT NATIONALIST LEADER TO FORM MINISTRY.

CALCUTTA, December 24th.

Following Mr. Das's refusal to accept the *Premiership*, the Governor has invited the leader of the Independent Nationalists to form a Ministry, but the latter will only agree if the other Ministers are chosen from his party, which is unacceptable on account of the Nationalists' inability to secure a majority because they are unable to secure Swarajists' support. Thereupon the Governor has selected Ministers from other groups and appointed Mr. Surendranath and Mr. Mullick Fazlulhuq, both members of the old Council.

POSITION IN GREECE.

MR. VENIZELOS WILL RETURN.

ATHENS, December 24th.

M. Venizelos has intimated that he will return to Athens on January 2nd.

LATER.

M. Venizelos does not intend to form a Cabinet, his only object being to restore normal conditions.

MUNIFICENT AUSTRIAN.

TO MAINTAIN VIENNA UNIVERSITY.

VIENNA, December 24th.

A munificent offer has been made by Herr Rosel, who is reputedly the richest man in Austria, to maintain the Vienna University in view of the Government's inability to make grants to Universities, Museums or Libraries. It is estimated that Herr Rosel's offer, which will be carried out until the State again takes over the responsibility, will be nearly half a million sterling annually. Other philanthropists have offered generous donations to the Chancellor for other institutions affected.

SMOKING IN AEROPLANES PROHIBITED.

LONDON, December 24th.

Smoking in aircraft registered in Britain and Northern Ireland, wherever they may be and in foreign aeroplanes when over Britain and North Ireland, is prohibited under the Air Navigation Order, operating from January 1st.

ANARCHIST ACQUITTED.

PARIS, December 24th.

A *cause celebre*, namely the trial of the anarchist girl, Germaine Berthon, on a charge of murdering M. Plateau, the leader of the Royalist organisation Camelots Du Roi, has ended in the acquittal of the accused.

STILL WITHOUT A CABINET

THE HAGUE, December 24th.

The Queen of Holland has requested the party leaders of the Right in the Second Chamber to form a Cabinet.

RAISULI STILL ALIVE.

TANGIERS, December 24th.

It is officially stated that Raisuli is still alive and that his condition has improved.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET RECORD.

MELBOURNE, December 24th.

Queensland scored 162 in their first innings and 135 in their second, Rowe being unfinished with 55. Victoria scored 638 for two (declared). Ponsford scored 248, and Mayne 200, the first wicket partnership yielding 456, an Australian record.

AMERICAN HORSES TO COMPETE AT ASCOT

NEW YORK, December 24th.

Mr. Bosbrugh, the handicapper of the American Jockey Club, has announced that he has received Mr. Sinclair's entries of Zev and Grayling for the Ascot Gold Cup in 1924.

Graylag is a five-year-old and the outstanding handicap horse of the 1923 season. He is one of the best horses of the American Turf, with tremendous speed and great courage, and is an excellent weight-carrier.

LATEST CABLES.

HOME FOOTBALL.

CHRISTMAS DAY'S RESULTS.

LONDON, December 25th.

Following are the results of to-day's Association matches:—

FIRST LEAGUE.

Aston Villa, 1; West Ham U., 1.
Blackburn R., 2; Preston N.E., 0.
Bolton W., 2; West Brom. A., 0.
Burnley, 0; Middlesbro', 0.
Liverpool, 0; Newcastle U., 1.
Nottingham F., 2; Chelsea, 0.
Sheffield U., 1; Cardiff City, 1.
Tottenham H., 1; Huddersfield T., 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

In the match between Third Lanark and Dundee when play was abandoned the scores stood at one all.

EARLIER CABLES.

[*REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.*]

MEXICAN REBELLION.

GOVERNMENT HAS SITUATION IN HAND.

NEW YORK, December 25th.

Belated Government reports state that order has been restored at Puebla and that traffic between there and Mexico City is resumed. Two thousand prisoners are *en route* to the capital where they will be freed owing to their having been coerced into joining the revolution. President Obregon states that those responsible have generally saved themselves. The next step is the despatching of columns against the smaller towns towards Puebla in order to clean up that sector preparatory to a drive towards Vera Cruz.

SAD CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY

PRIEST'S ERRAND OF MERCY ENDS FATALLY.

NOME (Alaska), December 25th.

An Eskimo has arrived here after a 75 mile journey and reports that the Reverend Father Ruppert has lost his life in an attempt to carry Christmas cheer to the Hotsprings Orphanage, near Pilgrims River. The first intimation of the tragedy was the arrival at various places of dogs belonging to Father Ruppert's team. A search party found the clergyman's body four miles from the Orphanage. It is believed that reindeer caused the dogs to scatter.

BIG RUM RUNNING CONSPIRACY.

NEW YORK, December 25th.

Prohibition officials announce the discovery of one of the greatest rum running conspiracies, through the arrest of an Englishman, who was captured in his motor boat in the vicinity of the rum fleet. The documents seized included a list of names believed to be bootleggers scattered throughout the country.

THE CANTON CUSTOMS STORY.

FULL TEXT OF THE CORRESPONDENCE.

POWERS AND SUN YAT SEN.

PEKING, December 15th.

Sir James Jamieson, Senior Consul at Canton, has just transmitted to Dr. Sun Yat Sen the note of the Powers regarding his request that they consider the granting of a portion of the Customs surplus to the Southern Government. That having been done, the Dean of the Diplomatic Body has released the complete correspondence which has passed on the subject, covering two memoranda from Dr. Sun and a telegraphic and a written reply thereto.

In chronological order, these documents appear below.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA,
Generalissimo's Headquarters,
Department of Foreign Affairs,
Canton.
September 5th, 1923.

Sir JAMES W. JAMIESON, K.C.M.G.,
H.B.M. Consul-General,
Canton.

SIR,—I have the honour to address to you as Senior member of the Consular Body in Canton, the present note and accompanying memoranda, with the request that you forward them to the Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps for the consideration of the Representatives of the Foreign powers.

I write with reference to the claims of the South-western Provinces for their share of the Customs Surplus. There is no doubt that there is an ample surplus remaining after the foreign obligations charged on the Customs revenues are paid and that at present it goes to pay past debts contracted by Peking. It thus sets free other revenue which was employed by the northern militarists to make war against the South-west. These provinces are then forced to raise funds to meet attacks funded by what rightly are their own moneys. They therefore suffer a double loss: loss of funds which should be used for constructive purposes and which, turned over to northern militarists, are actually used to institute war against them, and loss in that for every one of these dollars employed against them they have to raise one or more dollars in self defence. Such a situation is not only impossible but also insufferable. It has been tolerated too long already: it obviously cannot be endured any longer.

I have the honour to enclose herewith a memorandum stating the case of the South-western Provinces in their claim for their portion of the Customs Surplus. In order to show that it is not the intention of this Government to employ such funds, when obtained, for political or military purposes, I enclose a second memorandum outlining the purposes, all of a constructive nature, to which it is proposed to apply them.

I trust that an early and favourable consideration will be given by the Diplomatic Body.—I have the honour, etc.,

(Sd.) CHAO CHU WU.

MEMORANDUM.

1.—From 1919 to 1920, owing to the demands of the Constitutionalist Government at Canton, a certain proportion of the customs revenues, being the surplus after payment of the foreign obligations charged thereon, was handed over to that Government. Some six instalments were thus paid to the late Dr. Wu Ting Fang up to March, 1920, when internal differences between the Administrative Directors caused a temporary disruption and further payment was suspended. When the Government resumed its functions towards the end of that year it demanded the payment to it of its accumulated quota of the surplus amounting to the sum of more than two and a half million taels and the resumption of regular future payments. It is understood that not only the Inspector-General of Customs, but the members of the Diplomatic Corps in Peking as well, were disposed to agree to the request of Canton when at the last moment a despatch was received by the American Minister from the State Department which caused the funds to be paid over to the Peking Government.

2.—The attitude of the American State Department as revealed by the copy of the despatch communicated to the late Dr. Wu Ting Fang was that the Commission of Bankers acting on behalf of the Diplomatic Body, were trustees to receive the Customs revenues for the sole purpose of satisfying the charges on those revenues and that in regard to the surplus thereafter remaining the Diplomatic Corps should concern itself merely with its unconditional release to the recognised Government of China. The present Government at Canton has always insisted upon the same point of view viz., that the customs surplus remaining after meeting various foreign charges is a matter of purely Chinese concern. And if there exists to-day a Government of China in Peking, this Government at Canton is also prepared to acquiesce in the unconditional release to it of the surplus. Unfortunately, there does not exist to-day, and there has not existed for several years, in Peking a Government of China. This is an incontestable fact patent to every one in China and made more patent to the outside world by recent incidents on one of the principal railway lines and by present events in Peking itself. It has even been officially and diplomatically acknowledged by the Embargo placed by the foreign Powers in 1919 upon the export of arms into China, not only in the fact of such embargo itself but also in the wording of the official communication which admitted that there was no government "whose authority is recognised throughout the whole country." Therefore the so-called government at Peking has been and is, at least one of the political factions of the country which by its accidental possession of the offices and archives of the former seat of the Central Government has been able to receive the Diplomatic fiction of recognition. This faction has been and is making war upon the Government at Canton and the people of the South-western Provinces as witness the fighting and bloodshed still going on in the Provinces of Kwangtung and Szechuan. To have the customs revenues, which have been collected in those provinces and which can be used for constructive purposes locally, turned over, through a diplomatic fiction and technicality, to their enemies to be used in killing their own sons and causing suffering and hardship on their people is nothing short of intolerable. They are prepared to shoulder their share, in common with the other provinces, of honourably meeting the foreign obligations charged on the customs revenues, but they refuse to have their portion of the surplus to the northern militarists to be used in warfare against them. This is against all notions of justice and fair-play.

3.—The Diplomatic Corps, therefore, should it is submitted, instruct the Commission of Bankers, after service of the foreign obligations charged on the customs revenues, to hand over the surplus unconditionally to the Inspector-General of Customs as the trustee and servant of the Chinese people for this purpose. This Government will request him to divide it proportionately between Canton and Peking. He will also be requested to refund the surplus accumulated since March, 1920, which has been due to the South-western Provinces.

4.—It may be objected that there is at present no surplus from the customs revenue owing to the fact that in March, 1921, the Peking administration formed a Sinking Fund for the service of certain internal loans to which was appropriated the customs surplus and of which the Inspector-General of Customs was placed in charge. A consideration of the following points shows, however, that the South-western Provinces cannot be expected to admit this objection:—

(a.) If the South-western Provinces have established their claim to their portion of the surplus (and it is submitted that they have done so by the arguments herein-above presented and by their having actually received it from 1919 to 1920). It is obvious that no exparte act of the northern militarists can deprive them of their right. Indeed they have for the last six years never recognised any of the acts of Peking as having any validity. The so-called order of March, 1921, has therefore no binding force.

(b.) The term "Customs Surplus" has a definite meaning. It is the balance remaining after the foreign obligations directly chargeable on the customs revenues have been paid. In this sense there is in fact, an ample surplus and this is the surplus from which the South-western Provinces are entitled to receive their portion. If the Peking militarists choose to use their portion of the surplus to meet their obligations contracted in the past, that is their affair. But they cannot use the South-western portion of the surplus for their purposes. The South-west cannot be expected to bear a share of these Peking debts particularly as it is notorious that some of them represent loans the proceeds of which at various times used for political and warlike purposes against the South-west. Moreover, it is notorious that the bond of some of these loans are held not by the people generally but by a few banks and individuals who by heavy discounts obtained them as speculative and profiteering transactions.

(c.) In case the Inspector-General of Customs while admitting the force of the above considerations, nevertheless owing to his having accepted the service of the Sinking Fund, feels some hesitation in acceding to the proposal as contained in paragraph 3 which will lessen the amount available for such service, it should be pointed out that there ought still to be sufficient funds for the purpose. The Peking order of March, 1921, assigned, in case the customs surplus was insufficient, two other sources of revenue:

(1.) The surplus of the salt revenue to the amount of 14 millions per annum and (2) the wine and tobacco revenues to the amount of 10 millions per annum, and until these revenues were able to meet this charge, an advance by the Ministry of Communications at Peking of a monthly sum of half a million. These two quotas have been paid only seven or eight months so that all subsequent payments for loan service have had to be met out of the Customs surplus alone. It is clear that even after the deduction of the South-western portion of the Customs Surplus, ample funds remain for the Sinking Fund if the original terms of Peking's own order are observed. As it is, by causing the customs surplus to bear the entire burden of the internal loan service, the northern militarists are using the salt, wine and tobacco and railway revenues in sending military expeditions and subsidizing traitors to make war on Kwangtung and Szechuan.

5.—It is submitted therefore that from every conceivable angle a clear and convincing case has been presented for the proposal outlined in paragraph 3. It is hoped that immediate action will be taken on those lines.

MEMORANDUM NO. 2.

With reference to the memorandum on the claim of the South-western Provinces for their portion of the Surplus, in which the constructive purposes for the use of the funds was touched upon; it being thought desirable to state what those purposes are which the authorities have in mind, the following may be mentioned:—

Canton Municipal Improvement	$ 2,000,000
Provincial Roads (for the building of which labour battalions may be employed)	2,000,000
Currency Reform	4,000,000
River Conservancy	1,000,000
Improvements in Sericulture	500,000
Establishments of branches of agricultural stations in Kwangtung	500,000
Educational:—	
Conversion of High Normal School to School of University	$300,000
Conversion of Kung Yee Medical College to School of University	300,000
Building improvements to Women's Normal School	200,000
Improvements to Agricultural School	300,000
Support of Students abroad	300,000
	2,100,000
Suppression of piracy, including purchase of armoured motor launches	1,000,000
	$12,800,000

It will at once be obvious even to those with but slight acquaintance of conditions in the South, how urgent and necessary these expenditures are.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA,
Generalissimo's Headquarters,
Department of Foreign Affairs,
Canton, October 23rd, 1923.

Sir JAMES W. JAMIESON, K.C.M.G.,
H.B.M. Consul-General and
Senior Member of the
Consular Body,
Canton.

SIR,—I have the honour to request you as Senior Member of the Consular Body in Canton to forward the accompanying Memorandum to the Doyen of the Diplomatic Body, Peking, for the consideration of the Representatives of the Foreign Powers.—I have the honour, etc.,

(Sd.) CHAO CHU WU,
Secretary for Foriegn Affairs.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA,
Generalissimo's Headquarters,
Department of Foreign Affairs,
Canton, October 23rd, 1923.

1.—On the 5th September, 1923, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Government at Canton submitted to the Diplomatic Body in Peking through Sir James Jamieson, H.B.M. Consul-General and Senior Consul at Canton, a Memorandum in support of its claims for a share in the Customs' surplus revenue and on September 28th, he was informed by Sir James Jamieson that a telegram had been received from the Doyen of the Diplomatic Body in Peking with the request to inform the Secretary for Foreign Affairs that the question was being considered by them.

2.—No further communication having been received, this Government, referring to the clear exposition of the case as contained in the memorandum, renews its request for immediate action by the Diplomatic Body upon the matter. It desires particularly to refer to sub-division (a) of paragraph 4 of the said Memorandum and to call the attention of the Diplomatic Body to the fact that in Oct. 12th, the Consortium Ministers, in a memorandum addressed to the Peking Weichiaopu, seriously question the scheme by which the Peking Government seeks to dispose of the Customs surplus through the trusteeship of Sir Francis Aglen and protest against the permanent continuance of such scheme.

3.—This Government adheres to its contention that the Peking Mandate of March, 1921, attempting as it does to deal with funds claimed by and belonging to this Government, is void and of no force and effect. The claim of this Government rests on solid foundation; it has been declared valid in the past; payments have been made under it and have been discontinued for transient political reasons only; its existence has been generally recognized and at no time has it been definitely rejected. To divert the funds against which the claim is made, temporarily or permanently, without the consent of this Government would be comparable to the action of a debtor transferring all of his assets to a trustee for the benefit of some of his creditors when he knows that those assets are not entirely his own.

4.—Since the scheme of distributing the surplus as now carried on is illegal, unfair and unjust, and since the consortium Ministers have likewise voiced their disapproval and objection, its continuance will only create unsatisfactory if not dangerous conditions. It is therefore submitted that the question of disposing of the surplus be re-opened in its entirety and be settled and adjusted by all parties interested in it, including this Government.

(Sd.) CHAO CHU WU.

The following is a telegram sent by the Dean of the D.B. (1/12/13) to the Senior Consul at Canton:—

The Diplomatic Body have been informed that Dr. Sun Yat Sen and the local Government of Canton without awaiting a reply to the appeal which they had addressed to the Dean for a reconsideration of previous decisions with regard to the allocation of the Customs Surplus, have threatened to take over temporarily the administration of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Canton.

The Diplomatic Body request that you will in your capacity of Senior Consul warn the local Government of Canton that they are not prepared to admit any interference with the Chinese Maritime Customs and that in the event of any such attempt being made they will take such forcible measures as they may deem fit to meet the situation.

(Sd.) W. J. OUDENDIJK.

Decanat No. 239.

Sir JAMES JAMIESON, K.C.M.G.,
H.B.M. Consul-General and
Senior Consul, Canton.

PEKING, December 12th, 1923.

SIR,—With reference to your letters dated September 7th, and October 24th, last on the subject of the claim put forward by the Government of Dr. Sun Yat Sen in Canton to a share in the Customs Surplus after the foreign obligations

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charged on the Customs revenues are paid, I have the honour to inform you that this question was duly considered by the Diplomatic Body. The conclusion arrived at, which I am desired to request you to bring to the notice of the Canton authorities concerned, was to the effect that the granting or refusal of such a claim does not lie within the province of the Diplomatic Body.

The signatory Powers of the Final Protocol of September 7th, 1901, derive from the Protocol the right to ensure the priority of the payment of interest and amortisation of certain loans secured on the Customs revenues previous to 1901 and of the payment of interest and amortisation of the Indemnity mentioned in Article 6 thereof, but no Treaty rights has been conferred upon them to decide for what purpose the Chinese Government shall use the funds which at the end of each year shall remain at the disposal of that Government after the services of the said loans and Indemnity shall have been entirely provided for.

Moreover, by the agreement between the Diplomatic Body and the Chinese Government of the 30th January, 1912, the former were practically appointed Trustees of the Maritime Customs revenues for the protection of the above mentioned obligations; but that agreement did not confer upon the Diplomatic Body the power to *allocate* surplus.

As to the payments out of the Surplus of Customs receipts for certain domestic loans to which Mr. C. C. Wu in his letter to your refers. I have to point out that the Diplomatic Body are in no way concerned with the services of these loans which was instituted without their previously having been consulated.

Finally, I may perhaps remined you that the arrangement by which the then existing "Constitutionalist Government" at Canton was handed over a certain percentage of the Customs Surplus in 1919 and 1920 was arrived at between that Government and the Chinese Government in Peking. The Diplomatic Body on that occasion neither took the initiative nor did they act as intermediary for the conclusion of that arrangement. It is evident that they could not do so now either.—I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) W. J. OUDENDYK.
Netherlands Minister and Dean of the Diplomatic Body.

H.M.S. "WEYMOUTH."

COMING WITH RELIEFS FOR CHINA STATION.

The light cruiser *Weymouth* was due to leave Devonport on December 15th with a number of reliefs for the ships of the China Station. The principal of these are a new crew for the light cruiser *Durban*, the two years' commission of which expired in November, and one for the sloop *Magnolia*, whose commission will expire shortly. The *Weymouth* will make her port of exchange at Singapore, where she is due about the third week of January. After exchanging crews, the relieved crews of the *Durban* and the *Magnolia* will work her home.

The *Weymouth*, Commander A. F. St. C. Armitage, in the Nore Reserve, recently completed repairs, and is one of the eight coal-burning cruisers remaining in the British Navy.

The *Durban*, Captain B. G. Washington, C.M.G., D.S.O., and the *Magnolia*, Commander V. E. Ward, belonging to the China Station, are ordered to proceed to Singapore to receive the new crews. The crew of the *Durban* joined her on November 1st, 1921, but most of her officers have joined at later dates. Those who have completed over two years include the navigator, Lieutenant-Commander H. C. Legge, D.S.C., Engineer-Lieutenant H. B. Olden, Surgeon-Commander William Bradbury, D.S.O., and Paymaster-Lieutenant R. B. Wallace, with the six midshipmen of the vessel. The *Magnolia* was first recommissioned December 27th, 1921, but all her executive officers, only joined in the present year. Surgeon-Lieutenant C. N. Carter has completed over two years.

A PERAK TIGER STORY.

An authentic report has reached the *Times of Malaya* that a tiger entered a mining kongsi on Tuesday and carried off a Chinese, whose body was found next morning, with one leg removed at the thigh and the other at the knee. The curious fact is pointed out that the victim was the only opium smoker amongst the five coolies who were sleeping in the same kongsi. The tiger entered the hut, crept under the beds of the other four, seized the fifth and rushed out furiously with his victim, thereby suggesting a predelection for opium smokers' flesh. It is alleged that this is the seventh human victim of the Kuala Kurau man-eater.

In the course of a debate in the Legislative Council at Singapore last week on a Bill to amend the criminal law of the Colony in order to deal more effectively with crimes of violence, strong opposition was offered by the Legal member of the Council, the Hon. Mr. Carver. In the course of his speech he said: "It has been urged that this Bill is founded upon the Hongkong Bill, and should therefore be adopted. I will finish by reading the following extract from the *Straits Times* showing what has actually occurred under the Hongkong Ordinance:—'At the Hongkong Criminal Sessions a Chinese was sent to prison for five years with hard labour and to receive twelve strokes of the cat for being in possession of a dagger.' If any further reason is wanted for rejecting this Ordinance, I submit that that is quite a sufficient one. I sincerely trust that such a state of affairs will never be possible in this Colony. The Council passed the Bill through all its stages.

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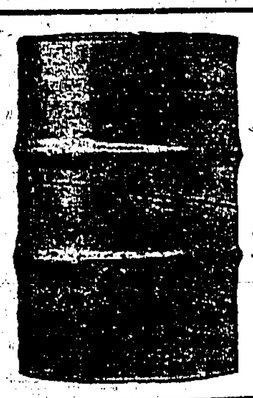
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WOMAN'S ELYSIUM.

The fame of Vassar has long since, as the man of Boston wrote to Macaulay of another institution, "pinioned the Atlantic." In this confused island of ours the women would go into the men's universities and be content with nothing else. Both sexes here have learnt to regard with veneration and wonder (we will not say which emotion comes from which sex) the great Vassar in which there are only women. Two years ago this university indulged in a mammoth "gaudy." Fifteen thousand graduates, not a woman less, came "to renew acquaintanceship." It sounds a process exhausting to the individual. But doubtless dons and graduates of Vassar are made of sterner stuff than those of our bisexual universities. Having come back to the groves of academe, some of the 15,000 could hardly bear to go away. Vassar seemed to them a far better place than the domestic hearth. Such, we fear, is human nature, whatever the sex and whatever the land. There are moments when the quad and the common room seem to those looking back a haven of bliss. But we do not all yearn after the academic life for the same reasons as the women of Vassar. They want to go back in order, we regret to state, to "write a book or a play held in contemplation for years." A less devastating post-graduate course desired by some is "the study of better schools, prison reform, the social world." It sounds, if we may say so, rather mixed diet. The most modest class simply want to "undertake the reading which many women plan in early years, but for which they hardly ever find time" when the shades of domesticity close about the "sweet girl graduates with their golden hair." Two ladies, in sympathy with these aspirations, have provided the funds for a building to give rooms to those who want to come back to Vassar. We hope that no homes will be shattered, no man's innocent self-conceit destroyed by his wife's preference of her alma mater to him. The post-graduates will have no courses of study offered to them, no dons. The President of Vassar announces that the only purpose of the scheme is to establish "a school for fostering the idea of creative work and study." This certainly seems the right principle, though we presume that some test of the purposes of those who wish to enter will be necessary, and some selection of those likely to be working on the same lines. Otherwise the mental atmosphere would be less than stimulating. Many women, we suspect, will envy the fortunate graduates of Vassar. Our own poor country cannot give its women's colleges rooms enough for the undergraduates who ask and deserve a university education. The example of the benefactors of Vassar is worth consideration.—*Daily Telegraph.*

POLYGAMY IN TURKEY.

PROPOSED COMPULSION.

Alarm has been created in Turkish official and political circles by the results of the new census of the population which showed that the Ottomans of Turkish stock numbered no more than 4,000,000, while the ravages wrought in the ranks of the non-Turkish races by war, massacres, and deportations were even greater. Steps have been promptly taken to induce large bodies of Russian Moslems to settle in Asia Minor. But other measures for the purpose of refilling the gaps in the Moslem ranks are being submitted to the new Angora Assembly. Thus, a newly-elected deputy, of great learning and devotion, Salih Hodja, is presenting a bill for the re-establishment of polygamy, abrogated by the last Assembly in 1922, on the ground that the female population in Turkey now vastly exceeds the male. Simultaneously, one of his colleagues, Salih Effendi, is asking the Assembly to enact, (1) compulsory marriage for all males who have attained the age of 23, and (2) that married couples do present the State with at least one child every three years up to certain age-limits.

The author of these proposals declares that by such means the population of Turkey could be raised to between 40,000,000 and 50,000,000 between now and 1950. The new women's associations in Turkey have petitioned Angora for the expulsion of all non-Turkish female refugees under 40 years of age, to whose attractions, more especially at Constantinople, Turkish women ascribe the disquieting fall in the Turkish marriage rate.

LADY PARACHUTIST'S DARING FEAT.

Mlle. Denyse Collin, who is known as a very daring parachutist, has just risked her life in order to demonstrate her belief that a certain parachute, weighing only 7lb. and easy to stow in an aeroplane pilot's seat, is an efficient life-saver in the case of air accidents. Technicians who had examined the parachute in question and worked out its possibilities by scientific formula, concluded that it would not serve, since, owing to its smallness, its passenger would, when it opened, sustain a shock equal to the strain of 1,200lb., which would be fatal. Mlle. Collin was sceptical, and begged to be allowed to prove that the technicians were wrong. She accordingly embarked in an aeroplane at Issy-les-Moulineaux, and, while the machine was in full flight at a height of 1,000ft., jumped overboard. She had to display wonderful presence of mind during her fall, for the cord holding the parachute closed had not broken when it should, and she had to undo it while falling headlong. She was in time, however, and the parachute carried her gently to earth. She was triumphant, as she reported to the technicians that the great shock which they expected had not been felt at all, and the small parachute, adapted for aeroplane passengers, answered its purpose just as effectively as those whose size has rendered their adoption in aeroplanes impracticable.

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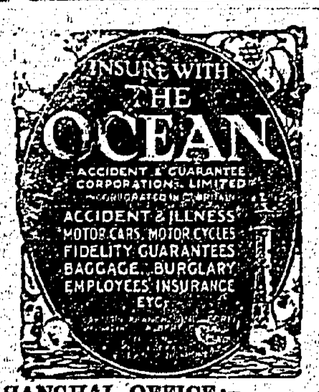


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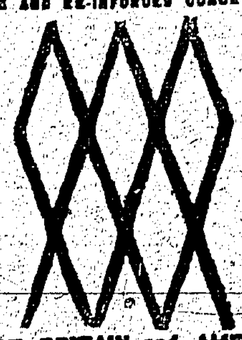
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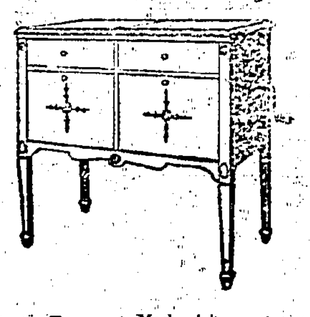
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MANILA HEMP.

In a series of weekly articles given in the Trade Supplement of *The Times* various trade terms are defined. One article deals with hemp. We are told in trade the term "hemp" includes two distinct descriptions of fibre, which differ widely from each other in origin and appearance. These descriptions may be classified into hard and soft-fibred hemps. The hard kinds include Manila, the product of the Abacá tree, a species of plantain, which is cultivated in plantations in the Philippine Islands.

The root of the tree has an average life of from 12 to 14 years, and throws off at regular intervals shoots, each of which reaches maturity in about three years and attains a height of from 10 feet to 12 feet. When this height is reached the shoot is cut down and the layers of a pulpy nature of which it consists are stripped off. The bulk of the pulp is easily torn off by hand, and a "thin strip of fibrous nature" is left, which is drawn through a somewhat primitive machine consisting of a heavy knife hinged on to a wooden bench. The pressure of the knife is increased, or relaxed, by a cord attached to a pedal worked by the foot, which enables the operator to produce a fibre highly or indifferently cleaned, as may be required. This primitive method is found extremely tiring by the natives, and their work is slow, the average production of cleaned fibre per man per day amounting to only between 12lb. and 15lb. Of late years experiments have been made to clean the fibre by mechanical means, and results secured under efficient supervision are stated to be satisfactory.

The two chief characteristics of sound Manila hemp are its great strength and its properties of resistance to the effects of sea water. It is a ready absorbent of tar. In recent years a system of Government grading of the hemp has been introduced. Unfortunately, buyers are frequently known to have serious cause for complaint in regard to the quality of shipments made to them under this system, and urgent representations have been made from London to the Philippine authorities on the subject. Those interested in the trade in this country would welcome the abolition of Government control of the industry, the practical results of which are severely criticised. Much anxiety has been caused in recent years owing to the appearance of bacterial disease in certain of the Philippine hemp districts. Fibre so affected quickly loses strength and perishes. Great efforts are, it is reported, being made by the Philippine authorities to combat this disease, which, if allowed to spread, would quickly ruin an industry providing the chief source of revenue for the large population of the Philippine Islands.

SALVAGE WORK BY B. & S. STEAMER.

MAROONED CREW'S FIGHTS WITH VILLAGERS.

With the arrival of the Butterfield and Swire steamer *Kanchow*, in Shanghai last week, all fears for the safety of the schooner *Tseng Tai*, her master, Captain Troupe, the mate and the crew have been set at rest says the *Shanghai Mercury*. The *Tseng Tai*, it will be remembered, was sighted by two steamers which have since called in at Shanghai, flying the American ensign reversed and the N. C. signal of distress. This was on the coast between Amoy and Foochow and the ship, though lying at anchor was quite deserted.

On the 12th inst., the *Kanchow*, which was then on her way up to Shanghai from Hongkong received a signal from the Turnabout Light House, "Vessel in distress in shore bearing west." There was a very heavy sea running at the time, but the *Kanchow* made in the direction indicated and came up with the schooner an hour later. Though at anchor, her stern was only twenty feet away from some dangerous rocks protruding above the water, and it at once became obvious why the ship had been deserted. The *Kanchow* manoeuvred in between the *Tseng Tai's* stern and the rocks to leeward and managed to pass a couple of wire hawsers aboard. This was at 12.40 mid-day, and at about one o'clock a junk was seen to put out from the shore and make for the scene of operations. Passengers on the junk were the captain of the *Tseng Tai*, the mate and half of the crew, and they at once got back to their own ship to assist with the work of salvage. The captain of the *Tseng Tai* went ashore again later in the afternoon to discover the rest of the crew and their gear.

When the crew went ashore originally they were given some sort of protection against the inhospitable inhabitants by the local magistrate, but as they were leaving for the last time there was no restraining the enthusiasm of the populace—indeed the captain and the remnant of his Chinese crew had to fight hard to get their belongings away and it was only the persuasive effect of Captain Troupe's revolver and ship's oars, wielded by other members of the crew, which did ensure their getting back to the *Tseng Tai* late that night in safety and without casualties.

From then on all was comparatively plain sailing and the vessel was got back to Amoy. It was impossible to take her into her original destination, Foochow, owing to the very heavy seas, and Captain Tonkins of the *Kanchow*, and his officers spent weary hours tending the towropes till she was seen safely in harbour.

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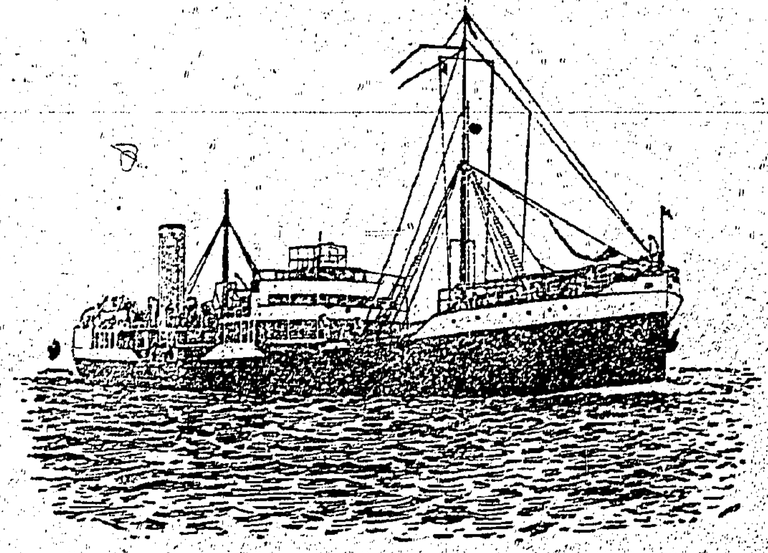
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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

December 24th.

Akai Maru, Japanese schooner, 4,847 tons, Capt. H. Chiba, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—O.S.K.

Amherst, Chinese str., 211 tons, Capt. Kwok Shau, from Haiphong, with a cargo of coal, lying at Yaumati.—On Fat S.S. Co.

Astrid, American str., 5,193 tons, Capt. A. Anderson, from San Francisco, with petroleum, lying at Laichikok.—Standard Oil Co.

Helikon, Norwegian str., 1,131 tons, Capt. H. Johannessen, from Bangkok, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C42.—Thomsen & Co.

Lake Gitano, American str., 1,612 tons, Capt. P. W. Bakeman, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C46.—P.M. S.S. Co.

Mikesun Maru, Japanese str., 1,961 tons, Capt. G. Takao, from Muke, with a cargo of coal, lying at Quarry Bay.—M.B.K.

Yuetwah, Chinese str., 894 tons, Capt. N. Schnohre, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41.—Tung Woo & Co.

Yuensang, British str., 1,082 tons, Capt. P. Jowitt, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C32.—J. M. & Co.

Yunnan, British str., 1,205 tons, Capt. J. D. Milne, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C43.—B. & S.

December 25th.

Chihli, British str., 1,551 tons, Capt. J. W. Tinson, from Chefoo, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14.—B. & S.

Chipshing, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. H. W. Chandler, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C35.—J. M. & Co.

Chunsang, British str., 1,466 tons, Capt. C. R. More, from Bangkok and Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C38.—J. M. & Co.

Haiching, British str., 1,267 tons, Capt. F. J. Gill, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas wharf.—D. L. & Co.

Hailan, British str., 1,193 tons, Capt. E. Jones, from Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39.—Man Wing S.S. Co.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. W. Brewer, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Chiu On wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Kojun Maru, Japanese str., 1,906 tons, Capt. N. Ishiguro, from Daigen, with a cargo of coal and beans, lying at buoy No. C16.—M.B.K.

Kwangtee, Chinese str., from Canton, lying at C.M.S.N. wharf.

Mausang, British str., 2,062 tons, Capt. R. Gay Cuming, from Sandakan, with a general cargo and timber, lying at Kowloon wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Namsang, British str., 2,501 tons, Capt. H. E. Gilroy, from Calcutta and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Oldekirk, Dutch str., 4,567 tons, Capt. P. L. Lenges, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—J.C.J.L.

Persia Maru, Japanese str., 2,670 tons, Capt. U. Kondo, from Dairen, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4.—T.K.K.

Taikwa Maru, Japanese str., 1,294 tons, Capt. T. Ishigaki, from Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44.—Y.K.K.

Taito Maru, Japanese str., 1,135 tons, Capt. H. Asai, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C18.—N.Y.K.

Taisang, British str., 1,424 tons, Capt. T. Grant, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17.—J. M. & Co.

Tjibodas, Dutch str., 2,053 tons, Capt. J. E. Hillegaart, from Balikpapan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B26.—J.C.J.L.

Uwajima Maru, Japanese str., 684 tons, Capt. S. Katayama, from Keelung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C47.—Y.K.K.

West Faralon, American str., 4,057 tons, Capt. W. M. Walk, from San Francisco and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B31.—Struthers & Barry.

December 26th.

Carona, Norwegian str., from Canton, lying at Stonecutters.

Fooshing, British str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. B7.

Kaiju Maru, Japanese str., 1,126 tons, Capt. T. Motoshige, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at O.S.K. wharf.—O.S.K.

Kanchow, British str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. B9.

Kwaiwah, Chinese str., 402 tons, Capt. Mak Yuen Hing, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong wharf.—Yuen Hing S.S. Co.

Kuichow, British str., from Canton, lying Stonecutters.

Odin, German str., 2,215 tons, Capt. Ernst, from Hamburg and Tabang, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—Carl Bodiker.

Takada, British str., 4,223 tons, Capt. P. W. Rowe, from Moji, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A25.—Mac-Kinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

CLEARANCES.

December 24th.

Akai Maru, for Kobe.
Chunghing, for Canton.
Degreve, for Saigon.
Fenglee, for Canton.
Oldekerk, for Shanghai.
Tingsang, for Shanghai.
Uwajima Maru, for Canton.

December 26th.

Cheribon Maru, for Batavia.
Corona, for Port Wallut.
Haijoong, for Swatow.
Hwah Hin, for Swatow.
Jade, for Pakhoi.
Kwanglee, for Shanghai.
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Senyo Maru, for Keelung.
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Taito Maru, for Canton.
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PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Haiching*, on December 25th:—Miss A. Sheldon, Miss Brazier, Miss A. Day, Mr. J. Russel, Mr. E. D. Shearn, Mr. F. C. Fest, Mr. E. Richardson, Mr. Adolph Martinsen, Capt. Fred N. Troupe, and several Chinese saloon passengers.

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Per s.s. *Mausang*, on December 25th:—Mr. S. P. Simpson.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. *President Jefferson*, on Dec. 24:—Mr. C. Shekury, Miss Grace Elliott, Mr. E. Baron, Mr. A. H. Potts, Mr. N. Croucher, Mr. D. G. Donald Mr. J. E. Ashworth, Mr. E. C. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Winter, Mrs. N. Ritchie, Miss Anna A. Mortgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson, Dr. Kansuka Mitsuda, Mr. Eddie Wolfe, Lieut. A. P. Fox, Mr. W. G. Hitchcock, Mr. W. H. Clark, Mr. Robert K. Johnston, Mr. Wallace Lee, Mr. George Beidt, and a large number of Chinese saloon passengers.

Per P.M. s.s. *President Cleveland*, on December 24th:—For Shanghai: Mrs. D. Artingdale, Miss Alice Artingdale, Mrs. J. F. Dillon, Mr. Carl Dillon, Mr. J. R. Lloyd: for Kobe: Mrs. A. Lonobaugh; for Honolulu: Mr. P. J. Harwood: for San Francisco: Mrs. H. W. Bromfield, Mr. E. A. Diekhoff, Mrs. M. W. Franklin, Miss A. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Granger, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. C. Lyons, Miss M. E. Lanceh, Mrs. M. Merchant, Mr. E. Mening, Mr. D. D. McGregor, Mrs. L. S. Osborn, Mrs. M. L. Prising, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. R. Portillo, Mrs. S. Y. Richardson, Mr. J. Shuton, Mr. J. White and many Chinese saloon passengers.

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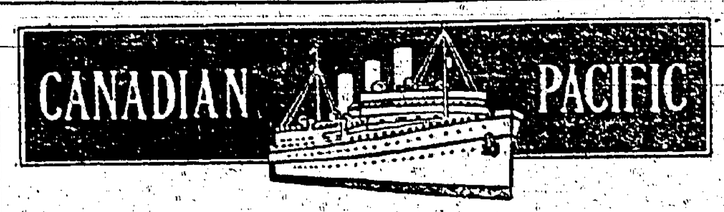
The P. & O. s.s. *Karmala* left London for China and Japan on December 21st, at 3 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. *Malwa*, from Hongkong, arrived at London on December 21st, at 9 a.m.

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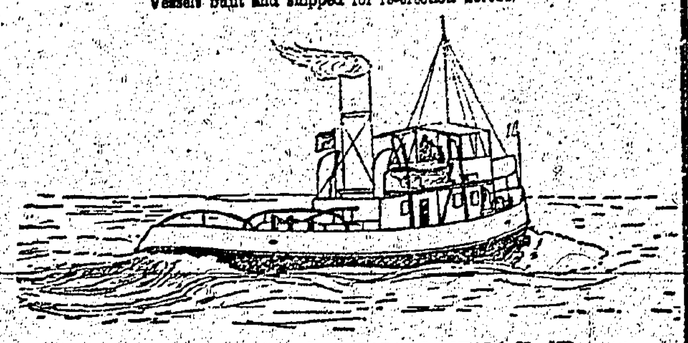
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"KAISAR-I-HIND"	11,430	29th Dec., Noon	B'bay., Mars., Gib., L'don. & A'werp.
	1924.		
"KHIVA"	9,097	12th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"SICILIA"	6,813	19th Jan.	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"MACEDONIA"	11,098	26th Jan.	B'bay., Mars., London & Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	9th Feb.	Mars., L'don. & A'werp.
"SOUDAN"	6,696	13th Feb.	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"MOREA"	10,911	23rd Feb.	B'bay., Mars., London & Antwerp
"KARMALA"	9,098	8th March	Mars., London & Antwerp.
"NALDERA"	15,993	22nd March	B'bay., Mars., L'don. & A'werp.
"SICILIA"	6,813	28th March	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KHYBER	9,014	5th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"CHINA"	7,952	19th April	do.
"SOUDAN"	6,696	26th April	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KALYAN"	9,118	3rd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	8,960	17th May	do.
"KHIVA"	9,097	31st May	do.

BRITISH INDIA - APCAR SAILINGS

"TAKADA"	6,948	28th Dec., 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TORILLA"	5,205	22nd Jan.	do.
"JAPAN"	6,052	2nd Feb.	do.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th Jan.	Manila, Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	2nd Feb.	
"EASTERN"	4,000	27th Feb.	

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SAILING TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"KASHGAR"	8,840	30th Dec., 5 p.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TORILLA"	5,205	31st Dec.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,813	5th Jan.	Shanghai.
"JAPAN"	6,052	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KARMALA"	90,98	26th Jan.	do.
"SOUDAN"	6,696	1st Feb.	Shanghai.
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"NALDERA"	15,993	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,014	23rd Feb.	do.
"CHINA"	7,952	8th Mar.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,812	13th Mar.	Shanghai.
"KALYAN"	9,118	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,960	4th Apr.	do.
"SOUDAN"	6,696	9th Apr.	Shanghai.

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SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP—via Singapore Colombo, Suez and Port Said.
"ALTAI MARU" Sunday, 10th Feb.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban and Capetown.
"PAOAMA MARU" Tuesday 8th Jan.

BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.
"SHUNKO MARU" Sunday, 30th Dec.
"BORNEO MARU" (Calls at Penang) Friday, 4th Jan.

SAIGON, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK.
"BUSHO MARU" Wednesday, 2nd Jan.

CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.
"MALAY MARU" Thursday, 10th Jan.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
"MANILA MARU" Saturday, 10th Jan.

NEW YORK via Japan Ports, San Francisco and Panama.
"HAVRE MARU" Middle of Dec. from Shanghai.
"HAMBURG MARU" Middle of Jan.

JAPAN PORTS—Moji, Kobe, Osaka, Yokkaichi & Nagoya.

KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.
"KAIJO MARU" Sunday, 30th Dec., 10 a.m.
"AMAKUSA MARU" Sunday, 6th Jan., 10 a.m.

TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.
"SOSHU MARU" Thursday, 3rd Jan., 8 a.m.

TAKAO & KEELUNG.
"SOURABAYA MARU" Friday, 4th Jan.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Ports	Steamer	Date of Departure
PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"YUNNAN" ...	On 27th Dec., 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KANCHOW" ...	On 27th Dec., 10 a.m.
HONGAY	"KUEICHOW" ...	On 27th Dec., 10 a.m.
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"CHINHUA" ...	On 27th Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO ...	"LUCHOW" ...	On 29th Dec., D.L.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"NEWCHWANG"	On 1st Jan., D.L.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 1st Jan., 10 a.m.
MANILA	"TEAN" ...	On 2nd Jan., 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG & PAKHOI	"CHENAN" ...	On 3rd Jan., 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGAAI	"SOOCHOW" ...	On 4th Jan., 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SHANTUNG" ...	On 5th Jan., D.L.

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SAILING SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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"KUT"	3rd January.	6th January, 1924, D.L.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai	*Luchow*	27th Dec.
London, letters via Brindisi, 27th Nov.	*Lycaon*	27th Dec.
Straits	*Torilla*	29th Dec.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	*Pres. Grant* ...	29th Dec.
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, 29th Nov.), and Parcels, 21st Nov.	*Kashgar*	29th Dec.
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	*Pres. Wilson* ...	3rd Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date.	
Pakhoi and Haiphong	*Yunnan* ..	Thursday, 27th,	8.30 A M
*Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Taikwa Maru* ..		8.30 A M
Japan	*Nansang* ...		10.30 A M
Hoihow	*Chinhua*		10.30 A M
Batavia, Samarang and Sourabaya	*Persia Maru*		2.30 P M
Swatow	*Hydrangea*		2.30 P M
Manila	*Taming*		2.30 P M
Japan	*Namsang* ...		3.30 P M
Swatow and Amoy	*Van Cloon* ...		
Hoihow and Haiphong	*Chipshing* ...	Friday, 28th.	8.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	*Haicheng*		Noon
*Straits and *Calcutta...	*Takada*		Noon
Shanghai	*Luchow*		5.00 P M
Straits, *Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via D'kodi, Bombay, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, 26th Jan.	*Kaisar-I Hind*	Parcels, 28th, Saturday, 29th, Registration Letters	5.00 P M 9.45 A M 10.30 A M
Manila	*Yuensang*		9.30 A M
Amoy	*Tjibodas*		10.00 A M
Hoihow and Bangkok	*Chunsang*... ..	Sunday, 30th,	8.30 A M
Manila	*Pres. Grant* ...		9.00 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Kaijo Maru* ...		9.00 A M
Shanghai and Japan	*Kashgar*		9.00 A M
Straits & Calcutta	*Laisang* ..	Monday, 31st,	1.00 P M
Amoy	*Newchwang* ...		5.00 P M
Shanghai and Japan	*Fushimi Maru* ...	JANUARY Tuesday, 1st,	9.00 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow...	*Haihong*	Wednesday, 2nd,	9.00 A M
Japan	*Tjikini*		9.00 A M
*Swatow, *Amoy and Formosa	*Soshu Maru*		9.00 A M
Saigon and Bangkok	*Basho Maru* ..	Thursday, 3rd,	10.30 A M

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Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/4 11/16
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On Paris.—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	1,000
Credits, 4 months' sight	406
On New York.—	
Bank Bills, on demand...	50⅞
Credits, at 30 days' sight ...	52⅛
On Bombay.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	162
Bank Bills, on demand...	
On Calcutta.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	163
Bank Bills, on demand ...	
On Shanghai.—	
Bank Bills, at sight ...	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight ...	
On Yokohama.—On demand ...	109
On Manila.—On demand	101½
On Singapore.—On demand ...	99
On Batavia.—On demand ...	136
On Haiphong.—On demand	nom.
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Hongkong, 14th November, 1922. [28

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Reserve Fund...	£3,800,000
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A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, May 8th, 1923. [31

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S. KONDOH,
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Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, September 28th, 1923. [30

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Paid-up Capital	Frs. 63,400,000.00
Reserve Fund	Frs. 59,867,282.54

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C. E. GOY,
Manager.
Hongkong, December 18th, 1922. [32

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—
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Established 1919.

Authorised Capital	$10,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	5,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	500,000.00

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KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 28th, 1923. [34

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T. NISHIYAMA,
Manager.
Hongkong, 17th Sept., 1923. [29

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Established 1824.

A. Capital	F. 100,000,000	£9,333,333
Paid-up Capital ...	F. 80,000,000	£8,666,666
Reserve Fund	F. 19,769,180	£1,647,432
Special Reserve ...	F. 22,660,000	£1,888,333

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W. H. GROSKAMP,
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Hongkong, August 14th, 1923. [37

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Authorized Capital	$60,000,000.00
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Hongkong, September 6th, 1921. [33

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